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11. On December 5, Ambassador Austin delivered Reftel talking points to Minister of National Security Martin Joseph, regarding the urgent need for enactment of legislation relative to the Advance Passenger Information System before December 25. In addition, the Ambassador raised the issue earlier with Prime Minister Patrick Manning, encouraging him, in his capacity as the Caricom head of government responsible for the security portfolio, to urge other Caricom countries to pass the necessary enabling legislation. Manning assured the Ambassador that " we have nothing to fear".

12. Corroborating Manning,s assurances, parliamentary sources have confirmed to us that the Immigration (Advance Passenger Information) Bill, 2006 was passed by the Senate on November 14 and is scheduled to be debated by the House of Representatives, on December 8.
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